

**Thursday 24 July 2014**

**FROM THE HORSE'S MOUTH**

**THOROUGHBRED HORSE OF THE YEAR AWARDS 14 AUGUST 2014**

New Zealand Thoroughbred Racing (NZTR) has announced finalists for all 2013-14 Thoroughbred Horse of the Year Awards. The winners will be announced at the Awards Dinner at the Claudelands Events Centre, Hamilton, starting at 6.30pm on Thursday, 14 August 2014. For reservation enquiries: Erin Banks, Verve-the event agency 04 499 6909 or [erin@verve.co.nz](mailto:erin@verve.co.nz)

**2014 BAYER LECTURE SERIES 26 JULY-3 AUGUST: STEM CELLS, STRANGLES & EQUINE METABOLIC SYNDROME**

This year's Bayer Lecture Series presents three New Zealand-based Researchers making presentations on the outcomes arising from research projects that received NZ Equine Research Foundation funding.

The lectures start at 1.20pm at all four venues as follows:

CHRISTCHURCH	Saturday 26 July Riccarton Park Racecourse
PALMERSTON NTH	Tuesday 29 July Awapuni Racecourse
AUCKLAND	Saturday 2 August Karaka Sales Centre
MATAMATA	Sunday 3 August Matamata Club Inc, Rawhiti Ave

Dr Lee Morris will present on stem cells particularly new treatments for lameness on the horizon and what the future holds for this treatment option. Dr Ray Cursons will discuss strangles – its transmission and severity, strains specific to NZ and their management and diagnosis, vaccination, and new research. Dr Michelle Logan will talk about research into Equine Metabolic Syndrome - is your horse at risk, how is it diagnosed, and how to treat and manage it.

For further information contact: Bev Stern on 06 356 4940 or Fax 06 354 2885 or Email [nzerf@xtra.co.nz](mailto:nzerf@xtra.co.nz). Registration Fee: \$50.00 (Including GST) includes afternoon tea, and a copy of the proceedings. (Registration fee is tax deductible if you derive your main income from horses).

**LEE FREEDMAN TO SPEAK AT WAIKATO RACING CLUB'S INAUGURAL COCKTAIL PARTY ON 15 AUGUST**

Five-time Melbourne Cup-winning trainer Lee Freedman will re-live some of the golden moments of his stellar career with George Simon on the eve of the Waikato Stud Foxbridge Plate. The Waikato Racing Club is staging its inaugural cocktail

party from 5.30pm to 7.30pm on Friday, 15 August at the Waikato Racing Club on the eve of its big race day and the evening after the NZ Thoroughbred Racing Awards in Hamilton on Thursday 14 August.

Freedman prepared Makybe Diva to win two of her three Cups, as well as claiming four Golden Slippers, four Caulfield Cups, two Cox Plates and the King's Stand Stakes at Royal Ascot. Freedman has a strong link to New Zealand racing through his role as a director of racing for Sir Peter Vela's Pencarrow Stud.

Tickets, available from the Waikato Racing Club, to this not-to-be-missed event are \$25 and include canapes and bubbles on arrival. A cash bar will operate. Dress code will be smart casual.

### **RACING ROTORUA WEDNESDAY 30 JULY 2014 – MDN HDL 2800M ADDED**

Due to a large number of recent Nominations for Maiden Hurdle events, NZTR in conjunction with the Northern Region Programming Committee and Racing Rotorua have programmed a Maiden Hurdle 2800m race for the Racing Rotorua meeting Wednesday 30 July. Details are as follows:

Racing Rotorua Wednesday 30 July -MDN HDL 2800m - \$10,000  
Nominations close 12Noon Friday 25 July

### **WAVERLEY RC - THURSDAY 31 JULY**

The Waverley RC has increased the stake of the R75 1650m race on Thursday 31 July by \$2,500 to create a total stake of \$20,000. The race will also be named the Waverley Cup.

### **LICENCE RENEWALS**

For licence holders whose licence renewal applications have been received and approved it is intended that the 2014-15 Season ID Cards will be posted out early next week.

Any licence holder who has yet to submit their licence renewal form, which can be done either by post or fax or online through the NZTR website ([www.nzracing.co.nz](http://www.nzracing.co.nz)), is urged to do so as soon as possible.

Any enquiries can be sent through to [licensing@nzracing.co.nz](mailto:licensing@nzracing.co.nz) or phone the Licensing staff on 04 576 6279.

### **NZRDA AWARENESS WEEK - 28TH JULY**

Next week is NZRDA's Annual Awareness Week, which aims to raise the level of awareness of Therapeutic Riding Sessions and the life-changing outcomes the NZRDA provides for its 3,000 plus Riders each year.

Supporting radio and web campaigns provided by sponsors MediaWorks and the Breeze. At a local level, many RDA Groups will be running their own Awareness Week activities including arena Open Days, street collections and other fun events.

Find out more by going to the website [www.rda.org.nz](http://www.rda.org.nz)

## NZTR REGIONAL MEETINGS

September 2014 Regional Meeting will be held as follows. All industry participants are welcome to attend.

Monday 22 September: 12pm – AUCKLAND at Ellerslie  
5.30pm – HAMILTON at Te Rapa  
Tuesday 23 September: 11.30am - INVERCARGILL at the Ascot Park Hotel  
5.30pm – DUNEDIN at Wingatui  
Wednesday 24 September: 12pm – CHRISTCHURCH at Riccarton Park  
Friday 26 September: 10.30am – PALMERSTON NORTH at Awapuni  
4.00pm – NEW PLYMOUTH at Pukekura Park

Other dates for the diary:

6pm 14 August 2014: Thoroughbred Horse of the Year Awards Dinner, Claudelands, Hamilton  
**Ticket enquiries: Erin Banks 04 499 6909 or erin@verve.co.nz**  
6 November 2014: Racing Club Conference and NZTR AGM, Wellington.

## TURNOVER INFORMATION (FOR THE PERIOD ENDING 13 JULY 2014)

Date	Club	On-Course (Tote & FOB combined)		Totalisator (Off & on-course combined)		Fixed Odds (Off & on-course)		Races		Starters	
		13-14	12-13	13-14	12-13	13-14	12-13	13-14	12-13	13-14	12-13
14-Jul	Counties RC	-	47,828	-	777,870	-	190,634	-	10	-	115
16-Jul	Tauranga, Racing	53,701	65,815	522,741	667,931	163,620	172,011	7	8	66	76
17-Jul	Hawke's Bay RI	35,004	25,449	649,950	582,365	291,035	169,536	9	8	91	71
18-Jul	Matamata RC	44,594	36,221	614,776	567,060	309,574	128,200	8	7	96	69
19-Jul	Waikato RC	81,403	-	1,133,169	-	429,461	-	11	-	123	-
19-Jul	Taranaki TRI	164,183	195,214	1,508,625	1,667,467	435,906	328,989	8	9	107	113

<b>NZ Thoroughbred Summary</b>	<b>This Season, Year to Date</b>	<b>Last Season, Year to Date</b>	<b>Variance +/( )</b>	<b>Variance +%/(% )</b>
<b>Meetings</b>	337	349	(12)	(3.44%)
<b>Races</b>	2,808	2,933	(125)	(4.26%)
<b>Total Starts</b>	29,318	30,592	(1,274)	(4.16%)
<b>Avg Field Size</b>	10.44	10.43	+0.01	+0.10%
<b>Number of races less than 8 starters</b>	447	411	+36	+8.76%
<b>Off-Course Turnover (Totalisator &amp; FOB)</b>	380,009,446	383,876,916	(3,867,470)	(1.01%)
<b>On-Course Turnover (Totalisator &amp; FOB)</b>	34,751,589	36,495,703	(1,744,114)	(4.78%)
<b>Total NZ Thoroughbred Turnover</b>	414,761,036	420,372,619	(5,611,584)	(1.33%)
Subtotal Totalisator Turnover	315,796,073	332,520,976	(16,724,903)	(5.03%)
Subtotal FOB Turnover	98,964,948	87,851,643	+11,113,304	+12.65%
<b>NZ Thoroughbred Turnover per Race</b>	147,707	143,325	+4,382	+3.06%
<b>NZ Thoroughbred Turnover per Starter</b>	14,147	13,741	+406	+2.95%
<b>Total NZRB Racing Turnover</b>	1,489,492,581	1,443,465,630	+46,026,951	+3.19%
<b>Total NZRB Sports Turnover</b>	306,133,650	240,574,894	+65,558,756	+27.25%
<b>Total NZRB Turnover</b>	<b>1,795,626,231</b>	<b>1,684,040,524</b>	<b>+111,585,707</b>	<b>+6.63%</b>

<b>NZ Thoroughbred Export Turnover \$NZ (to 30 Jun)</b>	286,609,494	342,862,662	(56,253,167)	(16.41%)
<b>Total Races (to 30 Jun)</b>	2,692	2,783	(91)	(3.27%)
<b>NZ Thoroughbred Export turnover \$NZ per race</b>	106,467	123,199	(16,732)	(13.58%)

#### Meeting details:

Counties RC Monday meeting was abandoned as a result of the poor weather in the North and the impact on the track. The equivalent meeting had run 10 races in FY13.

Racing Tauranga Wednesday meeting ran 7 races this season, 8 races last.

Hawke's Bay RI Thursday meeting ran 9 races in FY14, 8 in FY13.

Matamata RC Friday meeting ran 8 races this season, 7 last.

Waikato RC Saturday meeting had no direct equivalent in FY13, ran 11 races in FY14.

Taranaki TRI Saturday meeting ran 8 races in FY14, 9 races in FY13.

#### Turnover summary notes:

- Total NZ thoroughbred turnover is down 1.3% year to date.
- With 125 less races than run over the same period last season, turnover per race has actually increased, up 3.1%.
- Total starts made by thoroughbreds in NZ are down 1,274, 4.2% less.
- Average field size is 10.44 in FY14, up slightly from 10.43 in FY13.
- The number of races with less than 8 starters is now 36 higher than a season ago.

- The decline in NZ thoroughbred totalisator turnover (down 5.0%) has been partly offset by an increase in FOB turnover (up 12.7%).
- \$NZ export turnover per race to 30 June is down (13.6%). The variance in the \$NZ/\$A exchange rate is responsible for a large proportion of this decline. The remainder, as well as the absence of any growth, appears to have resulted from the loss of coverage on Sky 1 in Australia for midweek races run after 2pm.